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1. THE MISSION HAS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE WHO MEETS ALL THE PREREQUISITES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBJECT PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR NOMINEE CAN PARTICIPATE ONLY IF THE PROGRAM STARTS AFTER OCTOBER 15. THIS CONDITION IS DUE TO OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONSTRAINTS AT POST. ON OCTOBER 13, 14 AND 15 THE POST WILL BE PRESENTING A PORT DEVELOPMENT TSS. THE NOMINEE IS OUR ONLY COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST AND HIS ASSISTANCE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TSS IS REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILL NOT ARRIVE AT POST UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.

2. OUR NOMINEE IS CHARLES BANON, FSL-1, WHO WAS BORN MAY 8, 1928 IN CASABLANCA. DURING THE PAST 13 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSULATE (HIS TOTAL USG LENGTH OF SERVICE) AS A COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST HIS PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS HAVE BEEN EITHER "OUTSTANDING" OR "SUPERIOR". BANON HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PERFORMING ALL THE STANDARD FUNCTIONS ATTENDANT TO THE COMMERCIAL SECTION AND ASSISTS IN THE PREPARATION OF SPECIAL REPORTS. HE HAS ATTENDED
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TWO REGIONAL SEMINARS FOR LOCAL COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS,

THE MOST RECENT BEING THE ONE HELD AT BEIRUT IN APRIL 1975. HE IS NOT RETICENT OF SPEECH AND IS ACCUSTOMED TO ADDRESSING GROUPS OF BUSINESSMEN, BE THEY MOROCCAN OR AMERICAN, AND HE IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS. ALSO HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH AND CAN ENDURE THE RIGORS OF THE PROGRAM.

3. BANON OBTAINED HIS BACCALAUREAT IN 1946 AND HAS RECEIVED A BREVET COMMERCIALE (COMMERCIAL DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS PRACTICES, ETC.) FROM THE INSTITUT COMMERCIALE DU MAROC IN 1948 AND A CERTIFICATE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN 1959. PRIOR TO JOINING THE CONSULATE IN 1963 HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A PROOFREADER FOR A LOCAL NEWSPAPER, AND ACCOUNTANT, ASSISTANT WAREHOUSE MANAGER FOR ATLAS CONSTRUCTION CO. AND DISTRICT SALES CHIEF FOR A PETROLEUM COMPANY. FISHER

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